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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Charles E. Covatch
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Title of Application:	INSTEP PROTECTOR
Group Art Unit: 3728	Examiner: Anthony D. Stashick

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Response to First Office Action

In response to the First Office Action mailed September 30, 2002, Applicant submits the following Amendments and Remarks.

In the Claims:

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1. (Thrice Amended) Footwear for protecting a foot consisting essentially of:
a vamp of an upper extending from a toe region to an instep region and
consisting of a single and continuous unit;
a liner positioned beneath said instep portion and consisting of a single and
continuous piece; and

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